CITY OF DELTA, UTAH REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2004

PRESENT

Gayle Bunker Mayor

Robert BanksCouncil MemberWesley BloomfieldCouncil MemberBruce CurtisCouncil MemberMargaret DutsonCouncil MemberGlen SwalbergCouncil Member

ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Richard Waddingham City Attorney

Alan Riding Public Works Director

Ken Clark Asst. Public Works Director

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Judy SabeyCity TreasurerGregory Jay SchaferCity RecorderDeborah GreathouseCity LibrarianCarol MaloneCity EmployeeRita ByrdCity EmployeeKaren JohnsonCity Employee

Mike SmithCity EmployeeLeonard HardyCity EmployeeDent KirklandCity Employee

Travis Stanworth City Employee
Stanley K. Robison Justice Court Judge

Lynn & Patty Ashby Fire Chief

Mayor Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that notice of the meeting time, place and agenda had been provided to the <u>Millard County Chronicle/Progress</u> and to each member of the City Council at least two days prior to the meeting. City Recorder Gregory Schafer acted as secretary.

Council Member Glen Swalberg offered opening remarks following which Mayor Bunker led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a Regular City Council Meeting held October 21, 2004 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review, Council Member Wesley Bloomfield MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held October 21, 2004, as presented. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Glen Swalberg. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council reviewed the accounts payable, a copy of which had been given to them two days prior to the meeting. Following review, Council Member Glen Swalberg MOVED to approve the accounts payable dated November 18, 2004, in the amount of \$301,023.67. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Robert Banks. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of unfinished business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: DELTA CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU SELECTION

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that they had each received a copy of the menu choices for the Christmas party. He requested that Council Members review the list, make their selections and provide it to City Recorder Gregory Schafer so selections can be totaled and the caterer advised of the preferred menu.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE

Mayor Bunker advised Council Members that the Christmas Light Parade will be held this year. Employees of Millard County Credit Union approached the City requesting that they be allowed to solicit parade entries and organize the parade. They have spent many hours making telephone calls and personal visits and feel that they have approximately thirty entries for the parade. Delta City will provide a float for the parade, on which Santa will ride. There will not be a program or refreshments at the fair building following the parade.

Mayor Bunker stated that he will have his float leading the parade and requested commitments from Council Members to ride the float with him. He urged Council Members to support the parade inasmuch as the credit union employees have worked very hard to solicit entries. Council Members

Curtis, Banks and Bloomfield agreed to ride the float with Mayor Bunker.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: DELTA CITY EMPLOYEE WORK SCHEDULE

Mayor Bunker noted he had advised several employees that he wanted to discuss this matter with Council Members prior to the end of the six month trial period and stated that he had voiced his concerns with the schedule to those employees. Mayor Bunker mentioned that he had not talked to any employee who did not like the new work schedule and told Council Members of the concerns he had with the schedule. Mayor Bunker enumerated the following concerns: (1) it is important to have two people in the front office at all times and the current schedule leaves times when there is only one person in the office, usually from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Monday or Friday, (2) when an employee is filling in for another person, it is difficult to concentrate on one task because of interruptions. City Recorder Gregory Schafer advised Council Members that the entire staff is willing to do whatever it takes to address Mayor Bunker's concerns in order to retain the four ten-hour day work week schedule.

Mayor Bunker asked for input from employees regarding the work schedule. Employees stated that they are willing to be flexible with their days off in order to make the schedule work and provide adequate coverage to alleviate Mayor Bunker's concerns. Justice Court Judge Stanley Robison told Council Members that he likes the rotating schedule for employees, even though he is not a part of the schedule. He noted that budgets are tight and it is difficult to find funding for employee wages, but this is a benefit which the Council can give employees with no cost to the City. At those times when situations allow employees to have four or five days off, it allows the employee to have a mini-vacation, which increases employee morale, and costs the City nothing. Judge Robison has seen no problems with the schedule; the work is getting done on time and employee morale seems to have improved. Judge Robison stated that he has not heard any negative comments regarding the new office hours but has heard only positive comments. Fire Chief Lynn Ashby stated that he likes the ten hour day schedule because it allows him to leave his full time employment and arrive at the City office in time to take care of fire department matters. Leonard Hardy advised the Council that, from a Public Works viewpoint, the schedule saves the City many hours of overtime pay. Mr. Hardy noted that, on the skate park project alone, he counted thirty-two hours of overtime pay which was saved by the ten hour work day schedule. In addition, projects are being completed faster, because the Public Works crew can stay on the job longer each day.

Mayor Bunker requested that Council Members think about the trial work schedule and be prepared to make a decision on the work schedule in January.

MAYOR GAYLE BUNKER: REPORT ON COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANNING

Mayor Bunker reported that he had recently attended a meeting with Millard County Commissioners regarding land use planning and wilderness designation in the county. Millard County has been instructed to determine what areas they would like to have designated as wilderness and to identify corridors to be used for power and gas transmission, utilities, etc. Mayors were asked to determine

whether their utility corridors would be adequate if the city were to double in size, or if additional corridors need to be designated. Mayors were also asked to consider the direction of possible airport expansion, as well as possible industrial park areas. Meetings are held once each month and Mayor Bunker asked Council Members to give some thought to possible growth and expansion areas. Mayor Bunker plans to meet with Utah Power and Questar Gas officials to determine what facilities they currently have available and what their need may be for the future.

ZONING OFFICER ALAN RIDING: PROPOSED ZONE CHANGES IN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Zoning Office Alan Riding advised Council Members that the Planning Commission has been reviewing the areas of Delta City which are currently zoned as development zones. The Planning Commission is proposing that zone changes be made in those development areas which are now developed. Zoning Officer Riding reviewed the proposed zone changes with Council Members and requested that they set a public hearing regarding the proposed zone changes.

Following discussion, Council Member Margaret Dutson MOVED to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding proposed zone changes in development districts. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Glen Swalberg. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ALAN RIDING: UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Public Works Director Alan Riding reported that Public Works employees are currently preparing Christmas decorations and plan to light the decorations by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

The water system is again being chlorinated due to water samples showing some bacteria. The bacteria is not a health risk but is an indicator that there could be harmful bacteria in the system.

Public Works Director Riding advised the Council that the airport lighting project has been completed. The next project will be taxiway and safety area grading. New regulations require a certain slope and percentage of grade away from taxiways and runways and that they be free of debris.

Public Works Director Riding reported that in checking the price of replacement batteries for emergency exit signs, it was found that the cost of replacement batteries for the exit signs cost about \$110 each. New emergency exit signs would cost \$130 each and replacement batteries for those fixtures would be \$32.95. It would cost approximately \$1,800 to replace all the emergency exit signs in the building. Council Member Bloomfield felt that it would be more cost effective to upgrade the signs due to the difficulty in obtaining replacement parts for outdated equipment.

Public Works Director Riding updated Council Members on the arsenic removal process. The

engineer has provided cost estimates for an arsenic removal process for existing wells, one new well with storage tank and two wells with two storage tanks. Council Members discussed details of the cost estimates. It appeared that arsenic removal would be the least costly for the immediate future but drilling a new well in an area where water would meet new arsenic standards appears more cost effective over the long term. Mayor Bunker asked Council Members to give this matter some thought because a decision will need to be made within the next few months.

Council Member Wesley Bloomfield commented on fence posts around the skate park which have been tipped over and pulled out of the ground and asked what could be done to prevent the problem. Mayor Bunker advised the Council that the concrete pad around the posts will be poured as soon as weather permits.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Margaret Dutson asked if a list of proposed projects could be provided to Council Members so that when updates are given, the completed projects could be eliminated from the list. Assistant Public Works Director Ken Clark noted that a list of projects is on the white board at the City Shop as a daily reminder of projects to be completed.

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Council Member Margaret Dutson asked if it would be possible to have an ice skating rink at the Middle School. Public Works Director Riding advised Council Member Dutson that he has information on a company which constructs ice rinks. Public Works Director Riding will provide the information to Council Member Dutson.

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Justice Court Judge Stanley Robison asked Council Members if parking on city streets is determined to be angle or parallel parking on a block by block basis or whether Delta City has a plan for parking on city streets. He mentioned areas where some vehicles are angle parked and cause an obstruction in the street. Mayor Bunker advised Judge Robison that he is not aware of an overall parking policy but a few streets have been designated for a particular parking style. Judge Robison requested that Council Members consider restricting vehicles to parallel parking on 400 West Street between 100 North and 200 North. Mayor Bunker requested that Public Works Director Riding check this location to determine whether parallel parking should be required.

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Mayor Bunker advised the Council that one portion of the Law family property has been purchased and negotiations are continuing on the final portion of the property.

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Mayor Bunker asked Council Members for comments on proposed letters thanking skate park committee members and waterfall committee members for their assistance in the projects. Council Members felt the letters were satisfactory as written.

Mayor Bunker requested concurrence of Council Members for setting the City Office closing time earlier than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24th, the day before Thanksgiving. Council Members agreed to set the City Office closing time at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24th, the day prior to Thanksgiving.

Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments, questions or other items to be discussed. There being none, Council Member Margaret Dutson MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Bruce Curtis. Mayor Bunker asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bunker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

GAYLE BUNKER, Mayor

GREGORY JAY SCHAFER, CMC, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: RCCM 12-02-04

